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Presidente de Republica,
General Ramalho Eanes,
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Your Excellency, President Eanes,

I am writing to you to express the concern of many organizations all over the world about the fate of the East Timorese people and the future of East Timor. The Human Rights Internet, as a worldwide communications network on human rights, is in contact with human rights organizations, churches, trade unions, professional organizations, and organizations working with indigenous peoples. In the light of well-substantiated reports of gross and systematic violations of the rights of the people of East Timor by the Indonesian government, and aware that the issue of East Timor will be taken up in the United Nations, the concern of these organizations is that the Portuguese Government will recognize and accept its special responsibilities for the people of East Timor.

The view expressed to us, over and over again, is that the Portuguese Government must ensure that East Timor is fully and properly decolonized, and that the gross violations of the rights of the East Timorese be stopped. As the Executive Director of the Human Rights Internet, I therefore convey to you the intensity of international concern and the feelings of urgency about the need for the Portuguese Government to act to secure justice and independence for East Timor.

I respectfully hope that your Government will support your political initiatives on this matter,

Respectfully ~~yours~~,
Laurie S. Wiseberg
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cc. Mme Lordes Pintassilgo
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